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HUD, VA Grants Going to Los Angeles Public Housing Agencies *More Than \$5 million to Provide Permanent Housing for Homeless Veterans*

LOS ANGELES – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki has announced the award of \$5,108,307 to public housing agencies in the greater Los Angeles area to supply permanent housing and case management for the state's 2 million Veterans.

"This initiative will strengthen our ongoing efforts to eliminate Veteran homelessness by 2015 and improve quality of life for Veterans," Secretary Shinseki said.

Donna M. Beiter, RN, MSN, Director of the Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System said, "These additional vouchers are an essential part of our commitment towards helping our Veterans improve their health, rebuild their relationships with family and friends, and secure independent living in the community."

The funding, from Housing and Urban Development's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program (HUD-VASH), is a coordinated effort by HUD, VA and local housing agencies to provide permanent housing for homeless Veterans.

Homeless Veterans are referred to the public housing agencies for "Housing Choice" Section 8 vouchers to assist with rent payment. Eligible homeless Veterans receive VA-provided case management and services to support stability and recovery from physical and mental health, substance use, and functional concerns contributing to or resulting from homelessness.

The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles will get 100 housing vouchers for \$867,996; the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles will get 200 vouchers for \$1,851,912; the Housing Authority of the County of Kern will get 25 vouchers for \$129,829; the Housing Authority of Santa Barbara will get 50 vouchers for \$478,194; the Housing

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Authority of the City of San Buenaventura will get 25 vouchers for \$198,591; the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo will get 25 vouchers for \$196,200; the City of Long Beach Housing Authority will get 50 vouchers for \$457,788; and the Orange County Housing Authority will get 75 vouchers for \$927,747.

Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward rent. VA offers eligible homeless Veterans clinical and supportive services through its medical centers in Los Angeles and Long Beach.

More information about VA's homeless programs is available online at <http://www.va.gov/homeless>.

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